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In Re Application of:

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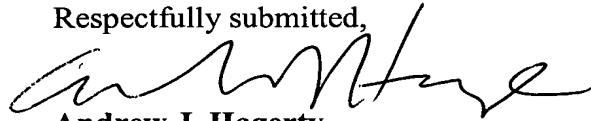
COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The above-identified application was allowed on October 13, 2004. In the examiner's statement of reasons for allowance, the examiner states that "the prior art fails to teach or suggest . . . wherein the plug contact has at least two terminals extending from two of the side walls and the bridging element thereof for inserting into a printed circuit structure as set forth in the claimed combination." Applicants respectfully submit that the statement implies that terminals are extending from both the two side walls and the bridging element. Clarification is believed necessary. The recited wherein clause states "wherein the plug contact further comprising at least two terminals extending from two of the three closed sides thereof for inserting into a printed circuit structure," and the three closed sides are recited earlier in the claims as "comprising two side walls and an

upper bridging element.” The specification shows at least two terminals extending from each of the two side walls (two of the three closed sides), and not the bridging element.

The Issue Fee is being paid herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew J. Hagerty', written over the typed name.

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